MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

The Lebanon Baptist Association

AT

McHENRY MISS.,

SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3, 1903.

OFFICERS:

O. D. BOWEN, Ellisville,	Moderator
B. C. Cox, Perkinston,	Clerk

The meeting of the next Association will be with the Ellisville Church on Wednesday before the First Sunday in November, 1904.

Herald Printery, Biloxi, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—THEIR POSTOFFICES.

L. L. Boone.....Ellisville, Miss.
O. D. Bowen.....Ellisville, Miss.
Tyra Cooley.....Heidelberg, Miss.
J. T. Dale.....Poplarville, Miss.
R. N. Davis.....Perkinston, Miss.
M. J. Derrick.....Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. B. Flannigan.....Poplarville, Miss.
J. L. Finley.....McHenry, Miss.
W. B. Holcomb.....Wiggins, Miss
J. L. Low.....Laurel, Miss.
W. W. Mitchell.....Poplarville, Miss.
R. M. Perry.....Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. K. Red.....Hattiesburg, Miss.
A. J. Rogers.....Hattiesburg, Miss.
H. C. Taylor.....Wiggins, Miss.
I. P. Trotter.....Hattiesburg, Miss.
M. G. Turner.....Ellisville, Miss.
J. B. Polk.....Wisdom, Miss.
J. M. Sammons.....McHenry, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

Luther Holcomb.....now at Clinton, Miss.
J. W. Ammons.....Ellisville, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The McHenry Baptist Church having opened its doors to the Lebanon Association, the 10th annual session was called to order at 10:20 o'clock by the moderator, O. D. Bowen.

Brother L. L. Boone of Little Rock, Ark., conducted the devotional exercises, reading 1st corinthians, 2d chapter. The exercises were begun by singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," followed by brethren I. P. Trotter and W. K. Red in prayer. A very strong and helpful talk was given by Bro. Boone on the chapter read.

Brethren W. M. Conner and J. P. Culpepper were appointed to read the associational letters and a motion carried to have three appointed as a finance committee, whereupon the chair appointed Brethren J. H. Caver, G. H. Suttle and T. L. Holcomb as finance committee.

There was a fair representation of the delegation of this association on hand when it was called to order by the moderator, most of the delegation arriving on the morning train, which arrived at 10 o'clock and marched to the church in a body and was promptly called to order.

The enrollment of the churches showed the following churches represented by delegates and by letter:

Augusta—Dissolved.
Big Level—R. W. Hatten and Malone Breland.
Bond—By Letter.
Brookhaven—By Letter.
Eastabutchie—By Letter.

Ellisville—L. L. Boone, Mrs. M. R. Boone, O. D. Bowen.
Epps—By Letter.
Fairfield—O. A. Haigler.
Hattiesburg—W. K. Red, W. M. Conner, W. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Trotter, M. J. Derrick and A. J. Rogers.
Heidelberg—By Letter.
Indian Springs—Wyatt Draughn and A. L. Hawthorn.
Lacy—Not represented.
Laurel—Sam Lindsay, P. W. Wilburn and Mrs. Wilburn.
Lumberton—G. H. Suttle, J. P. Culpepper, Miss Mary Hall and Mrs. G. H. Suttle.
McHenry—J. D. Sammons, B. C. Cox and D. M. Beard, Will Currie, C. D. Thaggard.

Announced by Bro. O. P. Trotter that the ladies missionary societies would meet at the Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m., it being 12 m., an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. After prayer by T. D. Bush the local committee assigned homes to the delegation and visitors.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the moderator rapped for order and after a short devotional service the enrollment of the churches was continued.

Nicholson—Not represented.
Orvisburg—A. L. Malley and Jno. Moran.
Perkinston—R. N. Davis and Miss Floy Garner.
Phaltia—Not represented.
Poplarville J. H. Caver, W. W. Mitchell and J. B. Flannigan.
Purvis—O. S. Purvis and J. G. Holcomb.
Saucier—Luther Arnold, Mrs. L. R. Arnold and R. L. Stewart.
Sandersville—W. J. Sauls.
Shady Grove—Ellis Bounds.
Slidell—By Letter.
Vernon—By Letter.

Wiggins—Wiggins Hatten, L. C. Batson, W. B. Holcomb, H. C. Taylor, B. D. Mitchell and Mrs. Taylor.

Zion Hill—A. Odom, R. B. Barnes and J. L. Davis.

Enrollment over, Brethren R. L. Stewart and O. A. Haigler were appointed tellers and the ballot taken for the election of officers for the permanent organization of the body, which resulted in the re-election of O. D. Bowen of Ellisville, Miss., as moderator or chairman, and in the election of B. C. Cox as clerk or secretary. Bro. Bowen responded to his re-election to the chair in a very fine and encouraging talk on the growth of the work in the bounds of our association. B. C. Cox thanked the association for electing him clerk.

Upon a call for petitionary letters the Church at Soso made application by a letter sent by Bro. Bowen. Their letter was received and the Church admitted to the association.

A committee of the deacons and pastor of McHenry Church were appointed to fix hours of meeting. They recommended the following: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 5:30 p. m., meet at 8 p. m., adjourn at leisure.

Bro. T. D. Bush was seated in the body as a representative of the Pearl Leaf Association, J. M. Derrick as representing the Orphans home at Jackson and W. H. Boone as a representative of the general association.

Ordered that Bro. Chas. G. Elliott's report as our former secretary and treasurer be received, adopted and printed in full. The following is Bro. Elliott's report:

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT—TREASURER

1902	To the Lebanon Baptist Association, Dr.	
9– 4	To special collection for deficit	$ 6 90
	" Amt. from finance committee	128 9[illegible]
	" Amt. T. D. Bush for Saucier	2 00
	" special collection for Orphans Home	18 10
	" Amt. from Brooklyn	50
1903.		
3–27	To Amt. from Lumberton	2 00
30	" " " Ellisville	2 50

4– 7	" " " Slidell	2 00
8	" " " Big Level	1 10
9	" " " Vernon	1 00
14	" " " Laurel	3 00
20	" " " Wiggins	1 25
29	" " " Perkinston	2 25
5–1–14	" " " Hattiesburg	5 00
	" " " Poplarville	3 00

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1902.			
9– 4	By balance due treasurer	$ 6 70	
"	Amt. paid A. V. Bowen, Cor. Secretary	63 25	
8 "	Amt. paid Miss R. B. Stapleton V. P. W. W.	5 00	
"	Amt. paid Orphans Home	18 10	
"	" " Clerk of Association	25 00	
10–1	" " " for minutes	28 00	
1903.	Expense of distribution from office.	4 54	
4–30	" Amt. paid delegates to So. Bapt. Con. (A. J. Rogers).	15 10	
5–14	" Amt. paid delegates to So. Bapt. Con. (A. J. Rogers).	8 00	
8–24	" stationary and postage during the year, including expense of collecting money for expenses of delegate to So. Bapt. Convention	3 11	
"	check to I. P. Trotter, chairman executive committee	2 75	
		$179 55	$179 55

Resolved, that the balance of the evening be utilized in discussing the report on missions.

The moderator was authorized to appoint all necessary committees, and Bro. W. K. Red was called to the chair to preside while Bro. Bowen retired to arrange the various committees.

Bro. O. P. Trotter made a speech on the growth of the mission work in our association, bringing out the fact that Hattiesburg gave more for missions this year than the entire association gave last year and that many of the Churches gave this year double what they gave last year. Bro. Trotter pointed out on a large map our work in foreign fields.

Bro. J. P. Culpepper was called for and responded in an able address; he brought out the fact strongly of our personal unselfish duty as regards missions and that we ought to look more to the marching orders of our Great Captain, Jesus Christ. Bro. M. J. Derrick responded to a call in an address on the Home Field or Mission Work in and around Hattiesburg. Bro. Derrick has charge of the mission work there in the suburbs of that growing city and has received sixty-three into the Church this year. Bro. T. D. Bush made an interesting talk on State Mission work and especially on the work at Bond. Bro. Holcomb spoke of the work along the line of the G. & S. I. R. R. and how the opinion of the people had went up in the scale as regards our denomination. He also spoke of the urgent need of occupying the field traversed by the M., J. & K. C. R. R., at the conclusion of which he led in prayer. Bro. Bowen having returned made an effective address on the subject being discussed. Bro. W. H. Boone spoke of the destitute conditions existing in Harrison county, especially in the southwest portion, after which the subject was spoken to by Bro. J. L. Finley in an able address. The entire delegation pledged itself to a greater effort for missions in the coming year.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Nominations—R. N. Davis, Sam Lindsay, O. L. Purvis and A. Odom.

Sustentation—W. W. Mitchell, R. W. Hatten, L. C. Batson.

Education—J. P. Culpepper, D. M. Beard, Ellis Bounds and O. A. Haigler.

Woman's Work—J. L. Finley, J. G. Holcomb, J. L. Davis and R. B. Barnes.

Sunday School—W. M. Conner, M. M. Breland and C. D. Thaggard.

State of Churches—H. C. Taylor, Jno. Moran and Luther Arnold.

Orphan's Home—L. L. Boone, Will Currie and B. D. Mitchell.

Temperance—W. K. Red, J. D. Sammons, W. J. Saul and A. L. Hawthorn.

Publications—W. B. Holcomb, J. B. Flannigan and A. L. Malley.

Missions—M. J. Derrick, Wiggins Hatten, Wyatt Draughn and R. L. Stewart.

After the committees were appointed the association adjourned until 8 p. m. by being led in prayer by Bro. Boone.

At 8 o'clock p. m. the singing began, interspersed with prayers by Brethren T. D. Bush and J. P. Culpepper, after which the pastor of McHenry Church, Bro. J. L. Finley, introduced Bro. I. P. Trotter who preached the Associational Sermon, using for a text the 12th verse of 28 chap. of Genesis. Bro. Trotter's able discourse was listened to with rapt attention by a large congregation of people. After the sermon Bro. Bowen called the Association to order and the report on nominations was read and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We your committee after prayerful consideration recommend that our next Association be held with the Baptist Church at Ellisville, Miss., on Wednesday, before the First Sunday in November, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that Bro. J. P. Culpepper preach the Associational Sermon, and that Bro. W. B. Holcomb be his alternate.

We nominate Bro. I. P. Trotter as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Bro. J. T. Dale as his alternate.

As delegates to the State Convention: J. B. Purvis, M. G. Turner, J. M. Lindsay, B. M. Morgan, W. B. Holcomb, Luther Holcomb, A. J. Rogers and W. K. Red. We also nominate as executive committee: I. P. Trotter, chairman; O. D. Bowen, S. E. Travis, Lou Pack and F. F. Phillips.

Respectfully Submitted.

R. N. Davis,
O. S. Purvis,
A. Odom,
Sam Lindsay.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order promptly at 9 o'clock by the moderator. The opening hymn was, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," after which Bro. Mitchell led in prayer. Bro. J. P. Culpepper led the devotional exercises, reading the 13th chapter of Mathew. At the conclusion of Bro. Culpepper's remarks Bro. W. M. Conner led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and found correct.

Bro. J. T. Dale and wife, Eva L. Dale, took seats with us having come in on night train from Poplarville. Bro. J. B. Searcy and wife from Biloxi were recognized and seated as messengers from the Gulf Coast Association. Bro. Searcy in a short talk spoke of the advisability of some of the Churches of this Association joining the Gulf Coast Association.

Bro. W. K. Red made a motion that the night session be set apart to speak to the report on temperance, motion carried.

The Committee on Sustentation being ready to report came forward and submitted same. The report was spoken to by Brethren L. L. Boone, J. B. Searcy, J. T. Dale, O. D. Bowen, W. M. Conner, M. J. Derrick and T. D. Bush.

SUSTENTATION

Your Committee on Sustentation would submit the following: Our Lord while here on earth was always ready to minister to the necessities of the poor and needy and teaches us in his word to do likewise. Therefore your committee would recommend to the Churches composing this Association to be careful to look after their poor and care for them and especially the disabled ministers, if such there be, that have membership with them. Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. MITCHELL,
R. W. HATTEN,
L. C. BATSON.

Fairfield Church asked for a letter of dismission which was granted.

On speaking to the report on Sustentation Bro. J. B. Searcy made an appeal for old Bro. W. R. Butler, which resulted in the collection of $20 which was unanimously voted to be sent as an offering from this Association.

Bro. J. H. Patten came in as a member of the Red Creek Association and was welcomed to a seat among us. The congregation just here stood and sang "Amazing Grace."

The report on Sunday Schools was then read by Bro. W. M. Conner; the report was adopted and spoken to by Bro. Conner.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following: Upon the examination of the various church letters, we find that there are twenty Sunday Schools in successful operation in the Association; the great work which we are doing can only be measured by the limits of eternity. Finite minds cannot measure or comprehend the amount of good that is being done through this medium. We regret to state that there are four Churches that report no Sunday School, and we take it for granted that they have none to report, and, acting upon this we have and now most earnestly urge upon these Churches the importance of organizing a Sunday School at once. We mean of course a Baptist Sunday School and not a Union Sunday School. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" There is confusion, brethren; confusing and bickering, backbiting and strife, which will sooner or later grow out of such conglomeration as attempting to mix oil and water. Our observation leads us to say the Baptist generally gets the worst end of such bargains; the Baptist must of necessity sacrifice much very dear to them when they join and become a party to Union Sunday School work. We must earnestly contend for the faith, once for all delivered to the Saints, that faith which has since the early day of the apostles characterized the Baptist people as the peculiar people of God; other denominations make no sacrifice of conscience when they come to us, therefore let them come, but as for us let us not fail to

declare the whole council of God. We must not fail to teach Baptist doctrine, which by the way after all is only Bible doctrine. We might add much more to this report, but for fear we might occupy more space in our minutes than we should, we will close by making one more earnest appeal to the Churches reporting no Sunday Schools to organize at once; do not let another Sunday pass without an earnest effort on your part to be a party to the grand and glorious work which is being done all over our state through this medium. We are not supplied with accurate statistical information, but feel warranted in making an off hand estimate without the fear of successful contradiction that when churches have live, active Sunday Schools about 75 per cent of the annual conversions are attributable to the work done in the Sunday School. Should not this stimulate every Church in this Association to be untiringly and earnestly engaged in this great work? We hope and pray it may, and that God may lead us to grander results in the future than ever before.

Faithfully and Fraternally,

W. M. CONNER, Chairman,

C. D. THAGGARD.

The report on Missions was read and spoken to by Brethren M. J. Derrick and J. B. Searcy. Bro. Searcy spoke at length and very forcibly and strong. A large crowd of visitors were present when Bro. Searcy spoke and his remarks were well received. He is a veritable old apostle of Missions. The report was heartly adopted by the Association.

MISSIONS

The mission course is the greatest work on earth. Our Lord came from Heaven to earth to establish it. It was begun in sacrifice when Our Lord laid the foundation for this w[illegible] in person. He then left the earth for His Father's throne, committing his work on earth to his followers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit whom he would send to them. What is Mission Work? It is witness for Christ. Our Blessed Lord gives us the order which we should follow and which we are proud to say our Southern Baptist Convention is trying to

follow. He says, "and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and in the uttermost parts of the earth." While Missions is in one place as much so as in another, yet Our Lord saw fit to give us this order, therefore we adopt His order and begin at home and then attempt to go unto earth's remotest bounds. Hence we begin with State Missions; this is work done in our state; this is real foundation work. There have been many strong Churches developed by our State Mission Board; then we have home Missions far more reaching than our State work; it covers the Southern States and the Island of Cuba; it grapples with the problems that the various State boards cannot. This work has a reflex influence upon us; where we help it it helps us in return. Then our foreign Mission work is intended to go to the uttermost parts of the earth. Now we have increased in interest towards all this work, but let us never be content with our present attainments. Our foreign Mission board raised last year $218,512.62, there were baptized 1,790. Our home board raised $113,800, less $4,000 annuity fund; obligation also $31,916.46; in boxes our state board raised over $16,000 for State Missions. The work of the foreign Mission board for the present year is laid out on a basis of $300,000. The home board $200,000. Our State board at our last convention voted unanimously to raise $50,000 for State, home and foreign Missions. Your committee recommends that we accept the recommendations and engage heartily to raise our part. We recommend that we the Lebanon Baptist Association undertake to raise $5,000 for the different objects.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. J. Derrick,
Wiggins Hatten,
J. W. Draughn.

It being 12 o'clock the congregation stood and sang "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord;" dismissed with prayer by Bro. Searcy.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Association met promptly at 2 o'clock, standing, and sang, "Nearer my God to Thee;" praver by Bro. R. N. Davis.

The report on Orphan's Home was read and spoken to by Brethren L. L. Boone and J. M. Derrick. Bro. Derrick is the farmer at the Orphan's Home and he spoke at some length on how things are conducted up there. The Baptist people of our great State ought to feel proud of their home for orphans; it is a great and noble institution. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

The Baptist Orphanage of Mississippi righteously claims the love and sympathy of all people, more especially our own brotherhood. We have property easily worth $40,000 and now caring for eighty children, with room for a few more. The institution is ours; we have an efficient and wise board of trustees as any institution in the State. We are in love with them for their very work sake. We gladly trust them and pray for guiding presence of the Holy Spirit to ever abide upon them and with them in their care for so sacred a charge. Only about one half the Churches in this Association that contribute to the support of the Orphanage. We believe this apparent negligence is not a want of love for and an interest in this grand institution, but for want of a better understanding of all its work and environments. Our brethren should be informed. We therefore earnestly request that the officers of this institution send a liberal supply of the Seventh Annual Catalogue of the M. B. Orphanage to every Church in this Association; also the "Orphanage Gem" of the July issue, calling the attention of every pastor and every member of every Church to the editorial and to the article of Dr. F. L. Fulgham, physician for the orphanage.

We need to come neaer to our brethren in charge of these precious jewels, orphans indeed, fatherless, motherless and helpless; to help these is a means that sweetens consecration and begets lovingly of the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 25; 34-36: "I was an hungered and ye gave

meat; I was thirsty and ye gave drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was in prison and ye came unto me; I was sick and ye visited me." Therefore when all nations shall be gathered before the Son of man, when He shall come in His glory with all the Holy Angels, then the king shall say, "Come ye Blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble and he shall be blessed upon the earth." Psa 41:1-2.

We cheerfully commend this Orphanage and its needs to the prayful consideration of every Sunday School, Young People's Union and Woman's M. Union.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. L. BOONE.

The report on Woman's work was read by Bro. J. L. Finley; the report was spoken to by Brethren J. L. Finley, W. B. Holcomb and J. B. Searcy and heartily adopted.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the speaking to reports was limited to five minutes time. Bro. Derrick asked for a collection for the Orphan's Home, which resulted in $7.61 being handed him.

Sister Bessie Stapleton was reappointed vice-president of the Woman's work.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We, your committee, on Woman's work would report that this department of our work claims a large share of our attention. In the days of the personal ministry of our Lord. Mary and other women ministered to Him and His disciples of their substance, which was perhaps the first Woman's Aid Society on record. The first Church in Europe was at Phillippi, it began with a woman's prayer meeting. This church, composed mainly of women, followed Paul with their contributions both to Thessalonica and to Rome. Some of the most thrilling stories in the history of modern missions

are told in connection with Woman's work. Who can read the life of Ann Haseltine Judson without being a missionary? But the last decade has with us made a new departure in Woman's work in helping the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention; the cold figures telling what they have done are simply startling. But these indicate a small part of their glorious achievements. Aside from that they give in their aid society, they contribute regularly as church members to pastor's salary and all good objects. Their bright and hopeful spirits and helpful presence in all of the meetings make them one of the most useful factors in all our work. Woman's work is auxiliary to all of man's work and much that is their own distinctively. So, in the language of the great apostle Paul, we say to all our brethren, "Help these women."

J. L. FINLEY,
JOHN L. DAVIS,
R. B. BARNES,
J. G. HOLCOMB.

The report on publications was read and spoken to by Bros. W. B. Holcomb, J. L. Finley, W. K. Red and A. J. Rogers. Every speaker made earnest appeals for us to read good, clean literature, and for us to labor for the promulgation and diffusion of such in our hours.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications, beg leave to report the following: That the press is one of the greatest auxiliaries today known for the settlement of public questions is a fact, and that it is a great moulder of sentiment whether it be good or bad, it is actually moulding more sentiment than any other help we have. It is doing more for the spread of Romanism and Mormonism than all the individual priests combined; it virtually controls the destiny of politics. We as a people know this and we see it being developed more every day. Than how we, as a Church of Christ, should under the guidance of The Holy Spirit take advantage of the great opportunity not only for promulgating and maintaining our

doctrines and principles as a denomination, but that we give the rising generation the best moral religious and orthodox literature as well as gospel in the world. If combined corruption and religious fiction can afford to sacrifice and labor in this dark cause, how much more should we as Baptists, who claim no king but Christ, no power but the Holy Spirit, put forward every effort for the cause we hold so dear, first by patronizing and paying for our own denominational publications and second by using our influence to get others to read or help diffuse our religious publications; and we do not have to leave our state to find good literature. We have at Jackson our state convention organ, "The Baptist," published by our beloved Bro. Bailey, which we heartily recommend as worthy a place in all Baptist homes; also the "Orphanage Gem," published at the same place by Bro. J. R. Carter in the interest of our Orphan's home, should be read by every Baptist in our state who has a tender regard for the fatherless; besides we have "The Mississippi Baptist," published by our aged Bro. Clark, at Newton, Miss.; also Foreign Journal, Home Field and others.

Respectfully Submitted, W. B. HOLCOMB,
J. B. FLANNIGAN.

The report on education was read and spoken to by Brethren J. P. Culpepper and J. B. Searcy, and a strong talk was made by each one of them and many helpful and encouraging things were said. Bro. Culpepper asked the association to help Bro. Luther Holcomb to go back to Mississippi College and his request was the result of $151 being contributed or subscribed by Churches, Sunday Schools and individuals. Bro. Luther Holcomb responded to this gift in a splendid thankful address, after which Bro. J. T. Dale led in prayer of thankfulness to God and prayed earnestly that God would soon call a foreign missionary from the ranks of "The Lebonan Association."

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your committee would report the following: We are glad of the progress and system of free schools as made in

the state and note with pleasure the effort for a longer school term. We believe it will be a blessing to our country's growth—the children of our state have opportunity for training at home. The greatest need of the age is for training men and women. It should be a source of pride to every Baptist to know of the prosperity of our school at Clinton, Mississippi College. Last year we had 300 students, something we had not seen before. Let us heed the cry of President Lowery for 350 boys this session of Mississippi College. Our college proposes to train the heart along with the head. Baptists should patronize their schools; it makes better Baptists of our children. We note also the prosperity of Blue Mountain and Hillman Female Colleges. We would call the attention of this association to ministerial education also; we have a number of young men of Mississippi College whom God has called to preach His glorious gospel. Those who are not able to go to school, let us take collections in all our Churches to help these young men through college; it is money well spent. We look forward to the day when Mississippi College will have increased her endowment. It is our school; let us care for it.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. Culpepper, Chairman,
J. E. Bounds,
D. M. Beard,
O. A. Haigler.

FINANCE

The report on finance was read by Bro. J. H. Cover and adopted.

The following resolutions were introduced by Bro. M. J. Derrick and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we return thanks to this Church, pastor and community for their generous hospitality and that the clerk of this association be instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, also that he be allowed twenty-five dollars ($25) for his services. Several talks were made by

different brethren on various and personal subjects. The association adjourned by being led in prayer by Bro. Derrick.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The association met early and while the congregation was assembling there were several songs sang and Brethren W. H. Boone and Luther Holcomb led in prayer, after which the moderator called the association to order and the report on temperance was submitted through its chairman, W. K. Red, and spoken to by him first and then spoken to by Brethren J. P. Culpepper, J. T. Dale and J. B. Searcy. The discussion of this report was listened to by a very large and attentive audience. The report was adopted.

Upon a suggestion $5 was given to Sister Bessie Stapleton for expenses of the Women's work. Mrs. Stapleton is vice-president of this work.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that any member of this association attending another association would be at liberty to act as a messenger from this association.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: There is no evil fraught with more dangers to both Church and State than the liquor traffic. We are glad that this traffic has been voted down in more than four-fifths of the counties of our state. But we state with sadness that we believe "blind tigers" to be on the increase. Your committee would urge our people not only to vote right but to pray that we also abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and use every legitimate means to suppress this traffic in every form, also that we work with hunting zeal until we reach the goal of statutory prohibition. To this end we invite Christians of all denominations

and all the good people of the state to join us in this work.

W. K. RED, Chairman,
J. D. SAMMONS,
A. L. HATHORN.

After this report had been discussed the association was adjourned to term in course with every one feeling that Jesus Christ is leading his people.

ASSOCIATIONAL

Churches	Postoffice	County	Organized.	Value of Property	Seating Capacity	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Additions: Baptised	Additions: By Letter	Additions: Restoration	Lost: By Letter	Lost: Exclusion	Lost: By Death	Lost: By Erasure	Total Membership
Big Level	Wisdom	Harrison	1899	$ 600	400	W. B. Holcom	gins	R. Q. Breland.	Wisdom	3	2	..	3	..	..	..	36
Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Perry	....	600	....	W. A. Hewitt		L. H. Hooper.	Brooklyn	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	18
Bond	Bond	Harrison	1901	1400	....	T. D. Bush	ns	Russel Bond.	Bond	8	20	..	1	..	..	..	53
Corinth	Sandersville	Jones	....	600	....	J. T. Halford.		Ira Morgan.	Sandersville	..	5	..	18	3	..	..	56
Ellisville	Ellisville	Jones	1882	3000	....	O. D. Bowen	rville	J. B. Gough	Ellisville	1	13	2	7	..	..	..	282
Epps	Epps	Perry	....	....	....	R. N. Davis	inston	R. N. Spencer.	Epps	6	6	..	1	..	1	..	37
Eastabutchie	Eastabutchie	Jones	1884	500	300	A. J. Rodgers	iesburg	H. H. McComb	Eastabutchie	34	9		6	1	..	..	96
Fairfield	Crosby	Jones	....	500	....	L. E. Litsey.	ersville	S. B. Stringer.		8	7	..	5	..	..	..	53
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg	Perry	1884	20,000	700	I. P. Trotter	iesburg	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	42	126	3	43	2	1	..	52
Heidelberg	Heidelberg		....	....	....	A. J. Thames	e Line	J. A. Lyon	Heidelberg	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	10
Indian Spring	Batson	Perry	1892	750	....	J. L. Finley.	enry	Chas. James	Ferguson	11	2	1	18	1	..	..	10
Laurel	Laurel	Jones	1885	5000	....	J. L. Low	el	W. J. Hurst	Laurel	17	78	1	36	4	6	..	39
Lacy	Lacy	Hancock	1902	....	....					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lumberton	Lumberton	Pearl River	1885	2500	....	J. P. Culpepp	berton	J. S. Love.	Lumberton	35	36	..	4	..	1	..	14
McHenry	McHenry	Harrison	1901	2100	400	J. L. Finley.	enry	M. C. Batson	McHenry	31	25	..	13	..	1	..	11
Nicholson	Nicholson	Hancock	....	....	....					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orvisburg	Orvisburg	Pearl River	....	....	....	A. J. Rogers	iesburg	B. H. Simpson.	Orvisburg	12	4	..	3	..	1	..	1
Perkinston	Perkinston	Harrison	1897	1000	400	R. N. Davis	inston	J. E. Forehand.	Perkinston	2	3	..	11	1	1	..	
Purvis	Purvis	Marion	1883	500	....	W. K. Red	iesburg	J. H. Breland.	Purvis	5	6	..	..	..	3	..	
Poplarville	Poplarville	Pearl River	....	3000	700	J. T. Dale.	arville	W. I. Thames.	Poplarville	9	13	..	10	..	3	..	2
Phalti	Barnett	Jasper	1878	....	....					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandersville	Sandersville	Jones	1884	1250	225	O. D. Bowen	ville	A. McDaniels.	Sandersville	3	8	1	4	..	..	..	
Slidell	Slidell, La	St. Tammany	1892	1000	200	O. D. Bowen	ville	H. L. Moore.	Slidell, La	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	
Saucier	Saucier	Harrison	1891	600	250	W. H. Boone	enry	R. L. Stewart.	Saucier	2	3	..	3	..	2	..	
So So	So So		....	....	....	L. D. Bassett	miss	J. W. Knight.	So So	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	
Shady Gro	Heidelberg	Jasper	1855	....	....					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon	Vernon	Jasper	1893	....	....	T. J. Waldru		B. F. Hosey.	Vernon	..	..	..	4	2	2	..	
Wiggins	Wiggins	Harrison	1896	2400	300	W. B. Holcou	gins	E. R. Davis.	Wiggins	25	20	..	2	..	..	10	1
Zion's Hill	Hattiesburg	Perry	1900	....	....	L. E. Hall	nton	H. E. Clark	Hattiesburg	9	3	..	..	1	..	..	
										271	393	9	196	15	23	10	27

Shady Grove Church contributed $1.00 to delegates Southern Baptist ntion.

REMARKS: We find in making out these statistics that the chur is, a great many of them) are not explicit enough in thei report same in church letter to the Association. A great many do not value of church property, etc.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS.

Clerk	Postoffice	Additions: Baptised	Additions: By Letter	Additions: Restoration	Lost: By Letter	Lost: Exclusion	Lost: By Death	Lost: By Erasure	Total Membership	Membership Last Year	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Sustentation
Q. Breland.	Wisdom.....	3	2	..	3	..	..	..	36	34	$ 21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Hooper..	Brooklyn.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	18	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ussel Bond...	Bond	8	20	..	1	..	..	..	53	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
a Morgan....	Sandersville..	..	5	..	18	3	..	..	59	77	.....	$ 5 00	$ 4 76	.....	.....
B. Gough...	Ellisville.....	1	13	2	7	..	..	..	282	273	50 00	77 50	108 75	$ 14 30	$ 35 00
N. Spencer..	Epps	6	6	..	1	..	1	..	37	....	.....	6 00	5 00	.....	.....
H. McComb	Eastabutchie.	34	9		6	1	..	..	90	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
B. Stringer..	.....	8	7	..	5	..	..	..	55	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. Pack....	Hattiesburg..	42	126	3	43	2	1	..	526	418	348 23	142 95	630 62	59 43	18 00
A. Lyon ...	Heidelberg...	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	108	107	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
as. James...	Ferguson	11	2	1	18	1	..	..	102	107	21 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Hurst...	Laurel.....	17	78	1	36	4	6	..	396	346	100 00	102 00	139 75	100 00	22 80
.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Love.....	Lumberton...	35	36	..	4	..	1	..	148	77	30 00	24 75	42 50	11 00	.....
C. Batson..	McHenry	31	25	..	13	..	1	..	115	73	20 00	20 00	19 71	.....	.....
.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Simpson.	Orvisburg....	12	4	..	3	..	1	..	16	....	8 17	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Forehand.	Perkinston...	2	3	..	11	1	1	..	40	50	24 50	6 95	4 45	.....	3 35
H. Breland..	Purvis.....	5	6	..	..	..	3	..	96	...	19 55	14 50	10 50	.....	.....
I. Thames..	Poplarville ..	9	13	..	10	..	3	..	235	226	25 00	.....	129 00	26 00	.....
.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McDaniels..	Sandersville..	3	8	1	4	..	..	..	89	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Moore...	Slidell, La ...	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	51	50	.....	.....	30 00	8 25	21 00
L. Stewart..	Saucier	2	3	..	3	..	2	..	37	37	2 50	42 40	43 35	.....	.....
W. Knight..	So So.....	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	26	....	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....
.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....
. F. Hosey...	Vernon	..	..	..	4	2	2	..	26	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. R. Davis....	Wiggins....	25	20	..	2	..	..	10	109	77	90 00	.....	10 55	.....	.....
H. E. Clark ...	Hattiesburg..	9	3	..	..	1	..	..	41	....	27 30	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
												6 00	5 85	.....	.....
		271	393	9	196	15	23	10	2761	2129	$777 05	$517 95	$1252 79	$258 98	$130 15

reat many of them) are not explicit enough in their reports. Our Association would have a much bet
of church property, etc.

Ministerial Education	Sustentation	Orphan's Home	Relief of Poor	Mississippi College	Paid Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	Building and Repairing	Miscellaneous	Associational Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 27 00	$ 18 70	.....	$ 102 00	$ 2 00	$ 260 00	$ 436 70
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	.....	$1000 00	150 00	2 00	150 00	1344 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	80 00	96 76
14 30	$ 35 00	$163 00	$ 50 00	$100 00	131 85	.....	221 00	105 15	6 00	600 00	1750 50
.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	54 90	.....	.....	.....	1 58	67 00	139 40
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 60	14 87	.....	.....	.....	150 00	244 22
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	75 00	77 00
59 43	18 00	46 00	119 15	10 00	85 00	.....	750 13	462 43	5 00	1400 00	4430 45
.....	.....	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 40	25 00	3 00	160 00	177 15
.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	200 00	258 00
00 00	22 80	63 25	30 20	16 20	36 72	100 36	1195 00	339 36	6 25	1200 00	3564 24
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 00	.....	12 00	10 00	.....	.....	23 00	124 90	78 00	5 00	600 00	1245 90
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	13 37	486 00	.....	3 00	300 00	938 85
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 61	.....	.....	2 00	100 00	175 78
.....	3 35	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	102 00	167 20
.....	.....	4 35	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	2 50	150 00	231 70
26 00	.....	40 60	.....	.....	66 00	.....	134 05	8 00	5 00	500 00	953 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 25	21 00	23 10	.....	.....	87 20	13 00	.....	.....	3 00	200 00	387 55
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00	35 00	.....	.....	2 50	269 00	487 75
.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	24 25	.....	.....	.....	2 25	75 00	181 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 65	.....	.....	.....	1 50	50 00	73 15
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have a much better report if the clerk of the various churches would keep an account of all monies and

STATISTICAL TABLE—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Churches	Superintendents	Clerks	Postoffices	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Baptised	State Missions	H. and F. Missions	Orphans' Home	S. S. Expense	Total
Big Level	J. B. Polk	Miss Emma Breland	Wisdom	5	46	3				$ 18 70	$ 18
Bond	J. R. Davis	Miss Amanda Culpepper	Bond	3	30	7					
Ellisville	E. W. Freeman	J. B. Gough	Ellisville	9	110						
Eastabutchie	F. M. Davis	Miss Wylie Salmond	Eastabutchie								
Hattiesburg	W. M. Conner	J. W. Montague	Hattiesburg	27	392		$35 04	$64 97			100
Indian Spring	A. C. Gay	Willie Bullock	Hattiesburg	3	40	3					
Laurel	J. W. Allen	Mrs. M. C. Bowen	Laurel	8	175	10					
Lumberton	G. H. Suttle	Miss Wells	Lumberton	6	91	18					
McHenry	B. C. Cox	D. M. Beard	McHenry	5	96	4				13 37	13
Orvisburg				6	60					24 25	24
Perkinston	L. R. Marshall	J. S. Dees	Perkinston	3	25				$11 25		11
Purvis				5	40					20 00	20
Poplarville	W. I. Thames	Miss Mattie Caver	Poplarville	8	150	9				28 68	28
Sandersville	W. W. Bostick	W. C. Trest	Sandersville	4	25	1					
Slidell	C. M. Liddle	W. E. Edins	Slidell, La	6	70						
Saucier	S. S. Taylor	Mrs. R. L. Stewart	Saucier	4	56					12 75	12
So So	Sidney Freeman	Mrs. E. A. Dempson	So So	3	65						
Wiggins	L. L. Davis			7	100	17				16 00	16
Zion's Hill	W. J. Pack	R. D. Smith			23				11 86	9 74	11
				112	1354	72	$35 04	$64 97	$23 11	$143 99	$ 16

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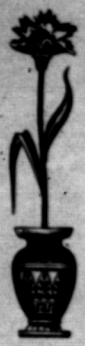

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